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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant brings the attached references to the Examiner's attention and requests that they be considered and made of record in this application. Also attached is a completed PTO-1449 form. *No fee is believed to be due for this Information Disclosure Statement.* However, if a first Office Action on the merits was mailed before the filing date of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 50-1836. A duplicate copy of this Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

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Japanese Patent No. 2797191 discloses a pressure damper 3 having a mesh filter 5 for filtrating ink at an ink discharge section. An English abstract of the laid-open patent publication of this patent is provided to better understand this reference.

Japanese Patent No. 2811330 discloses a pressure damper 24 having a filter 26 for filtering ink in pressure absorbing section 27. The filter 26 is secured to the body of the

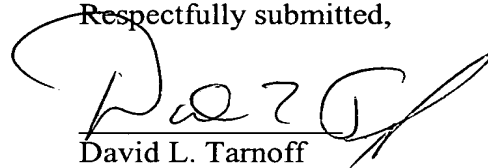
damper 24 by thermal bonding. An English abstract of the laid-open patent publication of this patent is provided to better understand this reference.

Japanese Patent No. 2887605 discloses a pressure damper 31 having a filter 33 for removing foreign matter from ink that flows through a pressure absorption part 32 of a pressure damper 31. An English abstract of the laid-open patent publication of this patent is provided to better understand this reference.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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